GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5274
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AMENDMENT IN FLIGHT RULES FOR CONDUCTING MINING SURVEY
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assurance has been given for making amendments in the flight rules for conducting aerial survey by the companies willing to invest in mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard;

(c) the altitude limit fixed for pilots in India and at International level for the research work;

(d) whether clearance from the Civil Aviation Ministry, Ministry of Home Affairs and Defence Ministry has been received in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Directorate General of Civil Aviation(DGCA) has informed thatdue to safety considerations it is not considered desirable to amend the rules.

(c) to (f): DGCA has informed that the rule in India as also in other Countries provide for a minimum altitude of 300 Mts over populated areas and 150 Mts over water and unpopulated areas. There are procedures for granting permission for flying at lower altitudes by stipulating additional safety conditions.